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Sir:

In response to the Office Letter mailed February 24, 2005, please accept the enclosed Amendment and Response to Office Action. A total of 14 pages are being transmitted, including this transmittal page.

Respectfully,

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Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are not included in this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.